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SUBJECT: RURAL EDUCATION SECTOR LOAN

REF: A) KINGSTON 2666; B) STATE 162106

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECONSIDERED THE ISSUANCE OF A PRESS
RELEASE AT THIS TIME ON THE RURAL EDUCATION SECTOR LOAN. AS
A RESULT, A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON OUR PART WILL BE DEFERRED,
PROBABLY UNTIL THE LOAN IS EXECUTED. THE U.S. ALUMINUM
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COMPANIES, HOWEVER, WILL BE ADVISED INFORMALLY OF THE LOAN

AUTHORIZATION.

2. DESPITE OUR DECISION ON THE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE GOJ INITIATING THEIR OWN RELEASE ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT WANT TO SUGGEST THIS. SHOULD THEY REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE, YOU MAY PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT WITH BACK-GROUND INFORMATION FROM THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PAPER AND THE LOAN AUTHORIZATION AND, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, SHOULD ENCOURAGE A LOW KEY ANNOUNCEMENT THROUGH THEIR NORMAL INFORMATION CHANNELS. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO WITHDRAW GRACEFULLY FROM MAKING A JOINT STATEMENT.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE LOAN ITSELF WE SHALL DRAFT A LETTER OF ADVICE, INFORMING THE GOJ OF THE AUTHORIZATION AND SUGGESTING A SCHEDULE FOR THE PREPARATION AND NEGOTIATION OF A

LOAN AGREEMENT. WHILE THERE IS NO INTENTION TO ASSOCIATE PUBLICLY THE EXECUTION OF THE LOAN WITH THE STATUS OF THE BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS, WE DO PLAN TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE LOAN AT A DELIBERATE PACE, OBSERVING CLOSELY PROGRESS IN THE TALKS BETWEEN THE GOJ AND THE ALUMINUM COMPANIES. WE ARE NOT NOW IN A POSITION TO DEFINE AT WHICH POINT OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR ACTUAL SIGNATURE OF LOAN WOULD BE MET BECAUSE OF THE UNPREDICTABLE COURSE OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS NEITHER IN OUR INTEREST NOR THAT OF THE GOJ TO TRY TO MAKE SUCH A DETERMINATION AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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